REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 46 are pending in the application. Currently, claims 1 - 32 and 46 have been allowed and claims 33 - 43 and 45 have been rejected. Claim 44 has been indicated by the Board of Appeals as containing allowable subject matter

By the present amendment, claim 33 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 43 and allowable claim 44. Claims 35, 43, and 44 have been cancelled in light of the amendments to claim 33 and the dependency of claim 36 has been changed from "35" to "33" in light of the cancellation of claim 35.

The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance since only allowable claims remain. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, she is hereby invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, here is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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